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**Question:**

Bev McARTHUR: Thank you, Chair. I am going to Angela – just before you vacate your seat, if you do not mind. Tell me, what species of timber was used in that timber build in the Bendigo hub?

Angela SKANDARAJAH: I am not across the detail. I will have to take that on notice.

Bev McARTHUR: Well, was it hardwood or softwood?

Angela SKANDARAJAH: Hardwood.

Bev McARTHUR: Hardwood. So where did it come from?

Angela SKANDARAJAH: I would have to take that on notice.

Bev McARTHUR: Can you take it on notice?

Angela SKANDARAJAH: Yes.

Bev McARTHUR: We want to know whether it is Australian hardwood or imported. Okay, thank you.

Angela SKANDARAJAH: It would be Australian.

**Answer:**

Galkangu Bendigo GovHub is one of the largest mass timber projects in Australia.

The GLT (glu-laminated timber) columns and beams were manufactured by ASH (Australian Sustainable Hardwoods) out of Heyfield, Victoria. The GLT is Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) certified Victorian Ash, 100 per cent re-growth from Victorian plantations.

The CLT (cross-laminated timber) flooring was manufactured by XLAM out of Wodonga, Victoria. The CLT is PEFC certified, plantation radiata pine timber, milled to strict CO<sub>2</sub> specifications by Hyne at their Tumbarumba sawmill.

The Galkangu Bendigo GovHub project has received the Australian Certified Timber Award, at the 2023 Timber Design Awards. The design allows for maximum exposure of the timber, celebrating it as a viable, environmentally conscious material, and creating a workplace that enjoys the benefits of biophilic design.